

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 3 and 5 are pending in the application following entry of the foregoing amendment. Claims 4 and 6 – 21 have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 4 was objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim (claim 1 as originally presented) but was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the elements of originally presented claim 4, which depended directly from claim 1. Thus, claim 1 is deemed allowable. Claims 2 and 5, which also depend directly from claim 1, are thus also deemed allowable. Claim 3 depends from claim 2 and is deemed allowable for that reason.

Claim Rejections

Claims 6 – 21 have been canceled, rendering the rejection of those claims moot.

Claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the examiner, and therefore the rejections of claims 1 – 3 and 5 are deemed overcome.

No other outstanding matters remain.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 – 3 and 5, currently pending in the application, are in condition for immediate allowance. Withdrawal of all rejections and an early notice of allowance of those claims are earnestly solicited.

The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if that would expedite prosecution and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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